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1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. 1

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 5-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1-3, 3a, 4 _____ received by this Authority on 05.02.2005 with letter of 01.02.2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1, 2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US 2002/086772 A1 (ABE TETSUYA et al.), 4 July 2002
(2002-07-04)

2. Document D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses the following (the references in parentheses are to D1):

Method for operating a motor vehicle, involving:

- an internal combustion engine (1),
- an automatic start-stop device (10) for the internal combustion engine,
- a controllable braking device (32) by means of which a braking moment can be applied to the motor vehicle, and
- a brake pedal (20) that can be actuated by a vehicle driver;

wherein in an automatic stop phase of the internal combustion engine the braking device (32) is triggered by a control device (10, 32) according to the degree of actuation of the brake pedal (24).

In the known method for operating a motor vehicle there is

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	<p>the problem of how to ensure that the vehicle does not roll during the stop phase, and also how to reduce fuel consumption.</p> <p>As a solution to this problem the present application proposes a method involving a controllable braking device, in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a control device is able to increase the braking moment irrespective of the degree of actuation of the brake pedal,- before triggering the braking device the control device determines a threshold value on the basis of condition variables and/or operating variables of the vehicle,- at the start of and during the automatic stop phase the control device checks whether the current braking moment is below the threshold value, and- if the result of the check is positive the control device increases the braking moment to a level greater than or equal to the threshold value. <p>These features are not known from any of the cited documents, and it would not be an obvious step to incorporate them in the brake actuation device known from D1.</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)) and inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).</p> <p>3. Claims 2 to 5 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore also meet the PCT requirements in respect of novelty and inventive step.</p>